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Re: Zoning Permit 17-0662CA/MA – Notice of Appeal Pursuant to CDO Section 12.2.2 of September 14, 2020 Zoning Administrator Decision

Dear Mr. Gustin:

Enclosed please find BTC Mall Associates, LLC's ("BTC") appeal of the September 14, 2020 Zoning Administrator Decision, related to 75 Cherry Street (Parcel ID 044-4-033-000) which concludes that BTC cannot relinquish the above-referenced zoning permit.

Please contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Dunkiel, Esq.

Dunkiel Saunders Elliott Raubvogel & Hand, PLLC Counsel for BTC Mall Associates, LLC and Devonwood Investors, LLC

cc: Don Sinex, BTC Mall Associates, LLC



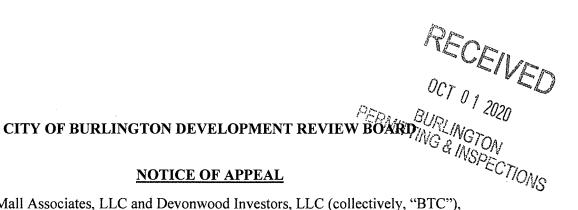


## Department of Permitting and Inspections 645 Pine Street

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# **Appeal of an Administrative Decision Request**

Use this form to appeal any Administrative Decision or Notice of Violation - See Sec. 12.2.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.
SUBJECT LOCATION ADDRESS: 75 Cherry Street
Subject Property Owner: BTC Mall Associates, LLC and Devonwood Investors, LLC
Appellant: BTC Mall Associates, LLC and Devonwood Investors, LLC
Agent/Representative: Brian Dunkiel, Esq.
Mailing Address: PO Box 545
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Appellant Signature:
n order for your request to be considered complete, <u>ALL</u> of the following information <u>must</u> be provided, as applicable:      The Appeal fee of \$250;
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□ Reference to the regulatory provisions applicable to the appeal; □ Relief requested by the appellant:
☐ Relief requested by the appellant;
☐ Alleged grounds why such requested relief is believed proper under the circumstances.
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## **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

BTC Mall Associates, LLC and Devonwood Investors, LLC (collectively, "BTC"), through undersigned counsel, hereby give notice of their intent to appeal to the Burlington Development Review Board ("DRB") the Decision of the Zoning Administrator in an email dated September 14, 2020 (attached hereto as Exhibit 1) concluding that BTC cannot relinquish zoning permit 17-0662CA/MA. This appeal is taken pursuant to Section 12.2.2 of the Burlington Comprehensive Development Code ("CDO").

Name of Appellant:

BTC Mall Associates, LLC & Devonwood Investors, LLC

Address of Appellant:

101 Cherry Street Suite 440

Burlington, VT 05401

**Property Identification:** 

75 Cherry Street

**Party Status:** 

Property owner

Regulatory provisions applicable to the appeal:

This appeal involves CDO § 3.2.9 along with other rules, regulations, and statutes associated with Appellant's appeal.

**Relief Requested:** 

Reverse Zoning Administrator's determination of September 14, 2020 that BTC may not relinquish Permit No. 17-0662CA/MA.

**Grounds for Relief:** 

The CDO provides no authority for the Zoning Administrator to deny relinquishment of a permit; the September 14, 2020 decision is without any basis in the applicable rules, regulations, or statutes.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020.

BTC MALL ASSOCIATES, LLC DEVONWOOD INVESTORS, LLC

By:

Brian S. Dunkiel

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From: Scott Gustin <SGustin@burlingtonvt.gov> Date: September 14, 2020 at 9:58:40 AM EDT To: Donald Sinex <dsinex7184@gmail.com>

Cc: "LShelkrot@langrock.com" <LShelkrot@langrock.com>, Roger Roisman <roger@rmroisman.com>, James Aronoff < <u>Jim.Aronoff@ThompsonHine.com</u>>, William Ward < <u>wward@burlingtonvt.gov</u>>,

Kimberlee Sturtevant < ksturtevant@burlingtonvt.gov> Subject: RE: Relinquishment of Issued Zoning Permit

Good morning Don,

I've reviewed your request submitted below and have conferred with other pertinent city staff. Zoning permit 17-0662CA/MA, issued for the mixed use redevelopment of the mall, cannot be relinquished because it was released and acted on, at least in part (i.e. demolition of the rear portion of the mall). In the event that a new zoning permit is approved for redevelopment of the site and acted on, that new RECEIVED

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FERMITTING & INSPECTIONS zoning permit could supersede 17-0662CA/MA.

#### Scott

Scott Gustin, AICP, CFM Principal Planner & Asst. Administrative Officer Dept. of Permitting & Inspections 645 Pine Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 865-7189

From: Donald Sinex [mailto:dsinex7184@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 3:05 PM To: Scott Gustin <SGustin@burlingtonvt.gov>

Cc: LShelkrot@langrock.com; Roger Roisman < roger@rmroisman.com>; James Aronoff

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Subject: Relinquishment of Issued Zoning Permit

#### [WARNING]: External Message

#### Scott,

I attach a letter addressed to the DRB that relinquishes the earlier issued zoning permit for the BTC development project.

**Donald F. Sinex Managing Member Devonwood Investors, LLC** 212-203-2018 dsinex@devonwoodinvestors.com

Please note that this communication and any response to it will be maintained as a public record and may be subject to disclosure under the Vermont Public Records Act.